

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO**

LUIS BELTRAN-SANCHEZ, et. al.  
Plaintiffs

v.  
THE WESLEYAN CHURCH  
CORPORATION, et. al.  
Defendants


Civil No. 97-2533(SEC)

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**ORDER**

| MOTION  | RULING   |
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| <b>Docket #37</b><br><b>Motion to Compel Discovery</b>  | <b>In abeyance.</b> The Court has considered this motion along with defendant Wesleyan Church Corporation's opposition and motion for a protective order ( <b>Docket #42</b> ) and plaintiffs' opposition to the request for a protective order ( <b>Docket #44</b> ). After studying the issues raised by the parties, the Court finds that an appropriate disposition of the discovery issue necessarily involves a determination of whether this Court has jurisdiction to entertain a suit involving the internal and administrative affairs of a church in light of the facts of this case. Therefore, the Court holds plaintiff's motion to compel discovery <b>IN ABEYANCE (Docket #37)</b> until the issue of this Court's jurisdiction is fully briefed by the parties through a motion for summary judgement and its corresponding opposition. |
| <b>Docket #43</b><br><b>Informative Motion</b>  | <b>Noted.</b>  |
| <b>Docket #46</b><br><b>Request for Leave to File Certain Exhibits in the Spanish Language Pending Cert</b> | <b>Granted.</b>  |
| <b>Docket #47</b><br><b>Leave to File Memorandum in Support of Motion for Summary Judgement</b>             | <b>Granted.</b>  |

DATE: January / 9, 2000

  
 SALVADOR E. CASELLAS  
 United States District Judge

